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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BERLIN CLAUSE IN AGREEMENT WITH GUINEA BISSAU

REF: BISSAU 550(NOTAL)

1. THE FRG REP (VON RICHTHOFEN) RAISED THE SUBJECT
AT THE JULY 5 BONN GROUP MEETING AND SAID THAT THE
FRG WISHES TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY
OF RICE TO GUINEA-BISSAU. AS REPORTED REFTEL, THE
STANDARD BERLIN CLAUSE (WHICH USES THE TERM "LAND

BERLIN") HAS CAUSED DIFFICULTY FOR GUINEA-BISSAU BUT
THAT GOVERNMENT APPEARS PREPARED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT
INCLUDING THE CLAUSE IF IT CAN OBTAIN AN AGREED
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CLARIFICATION OF THE MEANING OF "LAND BERLIN" FROM
THE FRG. THE CLARIFICATION WOULD REPORTEDLY BE IN
THE FORM OF A STATEMENT BY THE GOGB. IT WOULD NOT
BE PUBLISHED BUT WOULD BE USED BY THE GOGB WITH ITS
LEFT-WING ELEMENTS TO SHOW THAT THERE WAS NO FRG
EFFORT TO PURPORT TO REPRESENT ANYTHING MORE THAN
WEST BERLIN AS "LAND BERLIN."

2. THE FRG HAS ASKED FOR INSTRUCTED ALLIED VIEWS AS TO WHETHER EITHER OF THE TWO FOLLOWING FORMULATIONS CAUSES DIFFICULTY. IT WOULD PREFER THE FIRST BUT WOULD USE THE SECOND AS A FALLBACK IF THE GOGB INSISTS.

(A) "THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA-BISSAU UNDERSTANDS UNDER "LAND BERLIN" THAT PORTION OF TERRITORY IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM EXERCISE SUPREME AUTHORITY."

(B) "LAND BERLIN" CORRESPONDS TO THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN IN THE SENSE OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971."

3. VON RICHTHOFEN SAID THAT THE FRG ALSO GAVE THE AUSTRIANS A CLARIFICATION OF THE MEANING OF "LAND BERLIN" BUT DOES NOT WANT THIS TO BECOME A STANDARD PRACTICE. HOWEVER, IT BELIEVES THAT SUCH A STEP IS ESSENTIAL IN THIS CASE.

4. NONE OF THE ALLIED REPS SAW OBJECTIONS TO EITHER OF THE ABOVE FORMULATIONS AND AGREED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL BY CAPITALS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF USE OF EITHER OF
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ABOVE FORMULATIONS IN MANNER DESCRIBED ABOVE.
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